

# **Using Personal Motorcycles in the MRC:RSS**

*Based on the information gathered from field-testing and numerous interviews with sponsors, MSF recommends the following with regard to the use of personal motorcycles in the MRC:RSS:*

With the approval of the State Program Coordinator, programs may offer the MRC:RSS to students using their own motorcycles. If these students are integrated into classes with other students who are using 350cc or smaller training motorcycles, **the entire course must be taught. The only exceptions to this are:**

**Exercise 17; if the student-owned motorcycle has an integrated or linked braking system, they should not perform this exercise.**

**Exercise 2; eliminate the buddy push when heavier motorcycles are used.**

If the curriculum adjustments outlined below are used, programs/instructors must insure that all students rode their motorcycles to class. If any student transports their motorcycle to the class, the entire course must be conducted as if it were a novice class with small displacement training motorcycles.

Programs must have a screening policy consistent with that of the ERC; i.e., riding experience, license/permit, proof of ownership, safety inspection of the motorcycle, and additional waiver(s) addressing the use of their motorcycle in the course.

Programs and Instructors should have a "back up" plan that allows a student to ride a training motorcycle in the event they do not feel "comfortable" using theirs. This could be as simple as rescheduling the student or having a loan machine available for the switch.

**FOR BASIC COURSES CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY WITH STUDENT-OWNED MOTORCYCLES, THE FOLLOWING COURSE MODIFICATIONS MAY BE USED; (IN THIS CASE ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE RIDDEN THEIR MOTORCYCLES TO THE COURSE.)**

## **Level I Classroom:**

Eliminate the video "Motorcycle Controls". Cover the information in the Instructor's Guide.

Eliminate the armchairs.

**Level I Range:**

Eliminate Exercises 1, 2, 3, and 8.

Reduce Exercise 10 to ten minutes.

**Level II Range:**

For motorcycles with integrated or linked braking, eliminate Exercise 17.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USING OWN MOTORCYCLES:**

A valid motorcycle license or temporary permit.

Notifying students they are responsible for any damage to their motorcycle or equipment as a result of their participation in the MRC:RSS.

Providing adequate medical and liability insurance coverage.

Inspecting the motorcycles before class to detect defects that could impair handling and control in accordance with the T-CLOCK inspection sheet (included in the Experienced Rider Course Instructor's Guide).

Programs and Instructors must take care to enforce the range rules established for safety. Riders may feel that since they are riding their own motorcycles, they are exempt from these rules. Extra emphasis may be needed in this area by the instructors on the range.